GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MINING ACTIVITIES IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal sand mining is being carried out on a large scale in the country,particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the effects thereof;

(c) the action taken/likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Forest Conservation Act,1980 is being violated in the country,particularly in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so,the details thereof,State-wise and the steps taken by the Union Government to prevent such violation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c) No such report regarding large scale illegal sand mining from the forest areas of the country, including State of Maharashtra has come to the notice. However, sporadic incidences of theft do take place which are dealt with according to the provisions of the relevant Acts & Rules.

(d) No report regarding violation of The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1930 particularly with reference to sand mining, has

(e) Does not arise.